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Mr. Clair E. George, Director
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 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Clair:

I just had a chance to read the Report of the Working Group on Soviet Military Economic Analysis that you sent to the Committee on July 27. It is an excellent document, and I will call it to the attention of Senator Huddleston.

As you may know, when Senator Goldwater asked for the Members' views on public disclosure of the CIA's report on U.S. and Soviet military expenditures, Senator Huddleston recommended against doing so except as part of an overall return to the pre-1981 policy on releasing a variety of reports to the public. I intend to recommend that Senator Huddleston change his position and endorse publication of the report on U.S. and Soviet military expenditures if the recommendations of the Working Group are adopted.

Please let Dan Childs know of my views.

Sincerely,



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 Professional Staff Member

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9/13/83 - [redacted] advised me that DDI Gates prompted DCI to discuss directly with SEN. Goldwater (i.e., the declassification of subject reports). The DCI has offered to publish unclassified versions next year. No further communication on the issue will take place.

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